

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as they appear hereafter on a separate page.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A medical needle adapted for conducting fluid, said needle comprising:

a generally cylindrical tube having a central longitudinal axis, a first end and a second pointed end adapted for penetration into a body cavity of a subject; and

two sharp pointed prongs provided in said pointed end, wherein between said prongs there is a notch having a beveled edge for facilitating the entry of the pointed end of the needle into a body cavity with said prongs being spaced apart substantially less than 180 degrees along the circumference.

Claim 2 (previously amended): The medical needle of claim 1 wherein said two sharp pointed prongs are of equal length and parallel to each other.

Claim 3 (original): The medical needle of claim 1 wherein said pointed end slopes at a first angle relative to said central axis and said at least one notch slopes at a second angle relative to said first angle.

Claim 4 (original): The medical needle of claim 1 wherein said needle is formed of surgical steel.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (previously presented): The medical needle of claim 1 wherein the needle is attached to a syringe.